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March 20, 2015

Margaret Forgione
Manhattan Borough Commissioner
NYC Department of Transportation
59 Maiden Lane, 35th Floor
New York, NY 10038

Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting March 19, 2015, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of bicycle corral in front of Korchma Taras Bulba, 357 W. Broadway.

Whereas a bicycle corral has been proposed for the street curbside space in front of 357 W. Broadway bet. Broome and Grand Sts. (on the east side) to accommodate increasing demand for bicycle parking in that area; and

Whereas with heavy bicycle use on that street and a bike lane close by, the sidewalk is often cluttered with bicycles parked helter skelter, interfering with pedestrian passage at a location of high pedestrian activity; and

Whereas the bicycle corral will occupy one daytime parking space and provide parking for eight bicycles, offering relief from sidewalk crowding by supplying alternative space for bikes to park; and

Whereas the corral will be defined and protected by reflective flexible delineators that can be seen at night, as well as by two large planters that also will add enhancement both to the parking space and to the block; and

Whereas Korchma Taras Bulba restaurant, the applicant approved for the bike corral and acting as a maintenance partner, is committed to maintaining the site by regularly sweeping and cleaning it, clearing out snow, watering the plantings and reporting abandoned bicycles; and

Whereas a petition in support of the bicycle corral was submitted with 20 signatures, all from locations on the very same block where the corral is proposed;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) fully supports installation of a bicycle corral in the curbside street space in front of Korchma Taras Bulba, 357 W. Broadway.

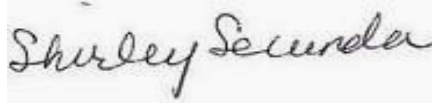
Vote: In Favor: 37 Board Members.
Abstain: 1 Board Member (S. Sweeney)

Please advise us of any decision or action taken in response to this resolution.

Sincerely,



Tobi Bergman, Chair
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Shirley Secunda, Chair
Traffic & Transportation Committee
Community Board #2, Manhattan

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c: Hon. Jerrold L. Nadler, Congressman
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Dear Manhattan Borough Commissioner Forgione:

At its Full Board meeting March 19, 2015, Community Board #2, adopted the following resolution:

Resolution in support of installation of Street Seats on East 13th St. east of 5th Ave.

Whereas the New School is proposing a Street Seats installation on the north side of East 13th St. East of 5th Ave., in conjunction with the NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) program of that name, which is being designed and constructed by students from the New School's Parsons School of Design in collaboration with other New School students to provide some attractive public space, seating and community friendly enhancements in an area that is devoid of these amenities; and

Whereas the installation will rest on a platform extending six feet into the street bed from the curb (and level with the sidewalk), claiming new public space where the crowded sidewalk is unable to accommodate this amenity. The structure will be three feet high, and 40 feet long in keeping with DOT's requirement that maximum length be no longer than the (New School's) building frontage less requisite distance from the surrounding fire hydrant and loading dock; and

Whereas the installation will be constructed of sustainable, recyclable materials, including chairs, some tables, plantings and possibly a beacon to provide extra illumination. Colored vertical posts, photo-luminescent for nighttime safety will be highly visible to approaching vehicles; and

Whereas in keeping with DOT guidelines, the following (and other requirements) will be observed:

- No smoking or alcohol consumption will be allowed. Signage prohibiting this will be provided by DOT. Although NYPD will be responsible for enforcement, a New School Security Desk looks out on the site and can act as a supplementary enforcer.
- The New School will take on liability as well as maintenance. New School staff will clean daily.
- The site will be open to the public from the sidewalk (to everyone, including students, residents, businesses, tourists, non-residents, etc.) and will be disabled accessible.
- Safety measures will include white concrete wheel stop bars protecting and defining each of the two flanking sides, white lane markers, flexible delineators and "No Standing Anytime"

signage, all furnished by DOT. Heavy planters may also be used to further protect the flanking sides. Because drivers will slow down in response to the structure and safety measures, there will be a traffic calming effect, making the street safer for all users.

- Collapsible tables and chairs will be stored nightly, and roped off; and

Whereas students will prefabricate and assemble the construction modules in the New School facilities, allowing for easy and non-intrusive installation on the street; and

Whereas hours will be between 8:00 am and 8:00 pm daily; and

Whereas installation will be seasonal, May to October. DOT and the New School will prepare a full report on conclusion, providing an opportunity for evaluation to inform application for renewal the next year; and

Whereas a petition with 330 signatures was submitted in support of the Street Seats installation, among them 266 signatures of immediately neighboring residents and businesses as well as many New School students who would greatly benefit from this amenity, along with six letters of support from businesses on the block, including one from the Dean of Parsons School of Constructed environments;

Therefore be it resolved that Community Board 2, Manhattan (CB2) fully supports the proposed Street Seats installation on the north side of East 13th St. east of 5th Ave.; and

Be it further resolved that CB2 looks forward to DOT's and the New School's evaluation and report on this installation when concluded; and

Be it finally resolved that CB2 expects that, if renewal is desired next year, submission will be made again to CB2, for review of modifications and evaluation of accomplished goals.

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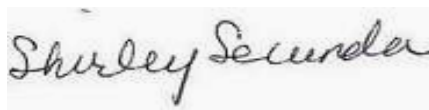
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